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SUBJECT: WANG HAI-HUNG PROMOTED

1. WE NOTE THAT IN AUGUST 27 NCNA COVERAGE OF LI HSIEN-NIEN'S RETURN FROM BUCHAREST WANG HAI-JUNG IS LISTED AS ONE OF THE VICE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT AIRPORT WELCOME. SHE IS RANKED JUST BELOW CHUNG HSI-TUNG AND ABOVE MA WEN-PO AND HO YING.

2. COMMENT: LONG RUMORED TO BE MAO'S NIECE, WANG HAI-JUNG HAS RISEN RAPIDLY FROM HER EARLY PROTOCOL FUNCTIONS TO BECOME ASSISTANT FOREIGN MINISTER AND NOW VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. ONE OF THE INNER CIRCLE WHO REGULARLY ATTENDS MAO'S MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN GUESTS, SHE REPORTEDLY HAS RECENTLY RENDERED MAO'S HUANANESE-ACCENTED MUMBLINGS INTO MORE INTELLIGIBLE CHINESE FOR INTERPRETER TANG WEN-SHENG. IN PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS WE HAVE FOUND HER RATHER UNIMPRESSIVE, AND WE SUSPECT THAT ONE OF HER PRINCIPAL STRENGTHS IS THE FACT THAT SHE ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN. AS ONE OBSERVER SAID, CONFIDENTIAL

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"THIS LOOKS LIKE A CASE OF NIECEPOTISM."

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